

WANTS TO SEE TAFT

President Invites Secretary to Sagamore Hill.

WILL DISCUSS CAMPAIGN

Republican Nominee Expected to Make Frequent Visits.

LOEB GOES TO CENTER ISLAND

His Quarters Will Be Less Accessible Than They Have Been in the Past.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 22.—Having put a little over a day since coming here to see Mr. Taft, Secretary Loeb and his family arrived at Sagamore Hill and for two hours he and President Roosevelt were busy in a shady corner of the veranda over a large heap of correspondence. When the Secretary returned to the executive offices he hung up his coat and went to work, remarking that, after all, it looked like a busy summer.

Taft Invited to Stay a Week.

One of the first acts of Mr. Loeb was to send a telegram to Mr. Taft inviting him to come to Sagamore Hill and spend a week. There are many important matters concerning the campaign which the President wants to discuss with his probable successor.

The fact that the President had waited only a little over a day since coming here to see Mr. Taft seemed to dispose of the theory that Mr. Roosevelt was to take little part in the coming campaign. Indications today were that Mr. Taft would be here within the week. Mr. Loeb admitted that the present plans were for the republican presidential nominee to come here frequently all summer.

The inhabitants started in early to give Mr. Taft a big welcome when he arrives. The village cannot wait to be ready to be wheeled out on the common, and the whole place was decorated as if for a Fourth of July celebration. It is expected that the Secretary of War will make a speech to the villagers.

Dressed in immaculate linen, the President attended service at Christ Church in the village yesterday and in the afternoon he took a drive.

Loeb's New Summer Home.

Indications are plenty that Oyster Bay will play an important part in the campaign. A significant movement is the installation of Secretary Loeb and his family at the Seawanhaka Yacht Club on Center Island. Mr. Loeb last year took up quarters in the Townsend House, about a mile from Sagamore Hill, and he drove to and from the village several times a day. He was easily accessible to visitors, whatever their arrangement at all times of the day and night, and that has changed this year, and it looked to be as if Mr. Loeb was to be more in a degree of privacy with regard to official duties.

The Seawanhaka clubhouse is accessible to the mainland only by launch, and the yacht club landing is a half hour's ride from the village, but the run from the club dock to the President's private dock is about ten minutes. Mr. Loeb will go between his own house and Sagamore Hill without being observed except by the club. Moreover, it is more difficult to reach him by telephone, as the only wire is owned by the club.

President Roosevelt himself made arrangements for his secretary to take up his abode at the yacht club. Only members of the club are allowed to live there, but although the President is a member, Mr. Loeb is not.

JAPANESE EXCLUSION.

Representative Hayes Tells What President Said on Subject.

SAN JOSE, Cal., June 22.—In reference to a published statement to the effect that at a recent meeting of the Asiatic Exclusion League, Representative E. A. Hayes, in an address to the meeting, had delivered a message from President Roosevelt that he was still trying for Japanese exclusion by diplomacy, and had quoted the President as saying:

"I am sending out upon the sharpest correspondence any nation has demanded. If I cannot get what I want by diplomacy, I will by exclusion legislation."

Representative Hayes said last night: "Newspaper accounts have evidently inaccurately reported my statement. For the last four days of the last session of Congress closed I saw the President and said to him that my people had been expecting exclusion legislation, which had been prevented for the time being by the efforts to make diplomacy effective in the matter, and asked him what should say to them upon my return to California. He said that I could tell them that the President has been doing the best he could in the matter and thinks that he now has it in good shape."

"I want," said the President, "to give Japan every opportunity to carry out its pledges. If I cannot succeed through diplomacy in protecting the people of the Pacific coast, I will unite with them in helping to secure the enactment of an exclusion law."

BURIAL ANGERED POLICE.

Latest Phase of the Tragedy at New Philadelphia, Ohio.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, June 22.—The body of Miss Arline Kinsley, who was shot and killed Friday evening while out riding with Charles Spach, her former employer, was buried by her parents Sunday, although the funeral was not announced to be held until today.

The burial of the young woman, who had not completed investigation of the mystery and today asked the coroner to order the body exhumed and held after the post-mortem. Late Saturday surgeons probed and found the bullet which killed her.

Robert Steuve of Cleveland, Spach's former business partner, was released on \$2,500 cash bond, and he was demanded an immediate hearing, declaring he can prove he was in Cleveland between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday evening, and he wants to be completely vindicated. The police do not doubt his story and now believe that his being taken into custody was a mistake. Physicians now say Spach will recover. He is under guard.

TO DECIDE CASE SOON

Commissioners Considering "Favoritism" Charges.

HOLD MANY CONFERENCES

Maj. Morrow Explains Counsel Thomas' Brief.

STREET PAVING CONTRACTS

Authority Given by Congress in View of Magnitude and Character of Work.

It is stated at the District building that the Commissioners will within a few days reach an agreement in connection with the recent "favoritism" investigation based on charges preferred against the engineer department of the District by the Brennan Construction Company. The Commissioners have held several conferences of late, and it is believed they have about reached a conclusion.

More than a week ago, Corporation Counsel Thomas, who was in daily attendance at the sessions throughout the investigation, submitted to the Commissioners a brief prepared by him explaining the various points of law raised and defining the rights of the Commissioners in the matter of awarding contracts.

This brief was printed in substance in The Star at the time, but Commissioner Morrow today, after carefully considering it, explained the points mentioned by Mr. Thomas.

Explains Points of Brief.

The points decided by the corporation counsel, Maj. Morrow says, may be briefly stated as follows:

"As a preamble to his opinion he quotes law under which the Commissioners are authorized to award contracts and the action of the Commissioners leading up to the award of the contract for street asphalt pavement for the fiscal years 1907 and 1908, including the specifications on which the work was advertised. He first takes up the authority of the Commissioners to award contracts as contained in the organic act, and quotes from a previous decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Downing vs. Ross, where a similar question was raised.

"In this case the court decided that the duty of determining the lowest responsible bidder was not of a strictly ministerial character, but one of exercise of official discretion, and stated that the statute was intended for the benefit and protection of the public, rather than the bidder. He then takes up the authority of the Commissioners, which had been questioned, was decided in favor of the public. He points out that the facts in the Brennan case are very similar to those in the Downing case, and states that in the specifications the Commissioners reserve the right to reject any part of a proposal, or accept any part, in their discretion. He points out similar cases which have occurred in the past, and states that the division of contract, and states he finds there was no departure from the specifications in dividing the street paving contract between the Brennan Paving Company and the Brennan Construction Company. He concludes this portion of his opinion as follows:

Valid and Binding.

"Being of opinion that the Commissioners in their notice for proposals and specifications, and in the award of the contract, exercised judgment confined to them by law and within their power, it follows that the contracts that were subsequently made are valid and binding as contracts, and that the Commissioners are estopped from rescinding the same. Particularly the contractors estopped in this case in view of their performance in large part of this work under their contract and receipt of money thereon. The Commissioners could not, in the public interest, now with safety undertake to review their decision and could not place the parties in their original status if they did."

"With reference to the point raised as to the awarding of work under the appropriation for limitation of grade crossings, under the contract of the Cranford Paving Company, in excess of appropriation, the Commissioner states that he has no appropriation available by orders to do work beyond existing appropriation, and that if the Commissioners subsequently approve or ratify such action if it had been taken, and that such approval was subsequently given by Congress.

Necessity for Expedition.

"With reference to the statements made by counsel for the Brennan Company at the hearing that this work should not have been awarded without advertisement, the corporation counsel states that he believes such advertisement was not necessary, as the Commissioners were given general authority in the act providing for the limitation of grade crossings, by contract or otherwise, and that under this provision the Commissioners have discretion to do it by contract after proper advertisement, or to do it otherwise, without such advertisement.

"This authority of Congress, he points out, was given to the Commissioners in view of the magnitude and unusual character of this work and the necessity for expedition in carrying it out."

BRYAN INVITES SWANSON.

Asks Governor to Second His Nomination at Denver.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

RICHMOND, Va., June 22.—Gov. Swanson today received a letter from Col. William Jennings Bryan asking that he make the seconding speech when he is nominated at the Denver convention.

FIRES AT NEWPORT.

Chemical Explosion Starts One at the Naval Station.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 22.—An explosion of chemicals stored in the torpedo laboratory at the naval training station here destroyed the laboratory early today. No other property in the station was damaged. The loss will not exceed \$3,000. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the explosion.

Another small fire was discovered later in the morning, but was quickly extinguished. The fire had been in the building since it was closed Saturday. He believes that the cause of the fire is spontaneous combustion. The fire will not interfere with the work of the station, he says. A board of inquiry has been appointed.

